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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10671	Agenda Number	41.
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Meeting Date:	November 10, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Approve ratification of Amendment No. 13 to the 12-month requirements service contract with ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO, Corpus Christi, TX for transmission utility line clearance services for Austin Energy to increase the current amount of the contract in an estimated amount not to exceed \$290,000, for a revised estimated contract amount not to exceed \$7,872,229.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$290,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Approved Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Critical Business Need
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Prior Council Action:	August 24, 2006 – Approved 24-month contract; August 21, 2008 - Approved three 12-month extension options
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 14.15% MBE and 3.10% WBE subcontractor participation to date.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for professional transmission utility line clearance services to include, but not be limited to, scheduled vegetation maintenance and storm restoration capabilities, tree pruning, and/or removal of various types of vegetation growing within Austin Energy's (AE) electrical facilities, utility easements, and rights-of-way. The work sites generally consist of the geographical area encompassing all of the transmission corridors used by AE within and outside its electric service territory.

This Amendment will add an additional \$290,000 in funding to the contract to provide additional emergency tree removal services, additional tree crews, and clean-up services of the rights-of-way around AE's utility transmission lines in and near Bastrop. On September 4, 2011, Austin Energy (AE) received transmission alerts on 345kV Circuits 3131 and 3132 connecting the Lost Pines Substation to the Fayette Power Plant Switchyard. These alerts were the result of fires in the Bastrop area. Although the lines appear not to have been damaged by fires, it is necessary to remove trees and vegetation along the utility's rights-of-way to prevent trees from falling onto power lines. Due to this risk, these lines were de-energized and will remain out of service until the trees can be removed. These lines are critical to the reliability of AE's transmission system and the ERCOT grid, therefore, it is necessary to expeditiously and safely remove these trees to allow AE to re-energize the lines as soon as possible.

Contract Summary

Action	Description	Amount
Original Contract awarded 08/28/2006 – 8/27/2008	Original 24-month contract	\$3,017,266.66
Amendment No.1	Added line items	\$0.00
Amendment No.2	Incorporated Oak Wilt Prevention Policy	\$0.00
Amendment No. 3	Per Council Approval, added three 12-month extension options, and exercised first option	\$1,508,633.00
Amendment No. 4	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause	\$ 0.00
Amendment No. 5	Corrected numbering on Amendment 4	\$0.00
Amendment No. 6	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause	\$0.00
Amendment No. 7	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause	\$0.00
Amendment No. 8	Exercise second 12-month option	\$1,524,171.00
Amendment No. 9	Added line items	\$0.00
Amendment No. 10	Exercise third 12-month option	\$1,532,158.00
Amendment No. 11	Adjusted billing rates per economic price adjustment clause	\$0.00
Amendment No. 12	120 day holdover	\$0.00
Proposed Amendment No. 13	Increase current contract amount	\$290,000.00
Total Revised Contract Amount		\$7,872,228.66